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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT THE FCC CHIEF OF STAFF, ANNOUNCES A STAFF CHANGE, AND ANNOUNCES HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT SELECT BUREAU CHIEFS

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin announced his intention to appoint Daniel Gonzalez as the Commission's Chief of Staff and that Michelle Carey will join his personal staff as Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues. Chairman Martin also announced his intention to appoint Monica Desai as Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Chief, Kris Monteith as Enforcement Bureau Chief, and Tom Navin as Wireline Competition Bureau Chief.

Of these announcements, Chairman Martin said, "I want to thank Dan, Michelle, Monica, Kris, and Tom for agreeing to serve the Commission in these capacities. I am grateful for their commitment to public service and look forward to working with them. I am particularly excited that Michelle has agreed to join my personal staff as my Legal Advisor for Wireline issues. Michelle has served this agency admirably in the past, and I want to thank her for her efforts and assistance going forward. She will be a great asset to my team."

Daniel Gonzalez has served as Chairman Martin's Senior Legal Advisor and Wireline Advisor since February 2002. Mr. Gonzalez has a notable career of service at the Commission, having served previously as an attorney in the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division and the Accounting and Audits Division and as a Legal Advisor to the Common Carrier Bureau Chief and Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong. Prior to joining Chairman Martin's staff in 2002, Mr. Gonzalez served as Vice President of External and Regulatory Affairs for XO Communications. Mr. Gonzalez received his B.A. from the State University of New York and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.

Since September 2004, Michelle Carey served as Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Prior to that, she was Chief of the Competition Policy Division for nearly five years, where she managed rulemaking proceedings concerning a variety of issues including local competition, broadband, and IP-enabled services. She also supervised numerous adjudicatory proceedings, including applications by the regional Bell companies to provide long-distance service and wireline telecommunications mergers. Prior to becoming Chief, Ms. Carey was Deputy Chief and, before that, a staff attorney in both the Policy and Enforcement divisions of the former Common Carrier Bureau. Before joining the Commission, Ms. Carey clerked for the Honorable Hart T. Mankin of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. Ms. Carey received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Monica Desai has worked at the Commission since 1999 in a variety of capacities. She previously served as an interim legal advisor to then-Commissioner Martin on spectrum and international issues and various common carrier and media issues. She has also worked as an attorney-advisor in the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, as well as the Commercial Wireless Division and the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Before joining the FCC, Ms. Desai previously served as an associate at the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, a law clerk to the Honorable Deborah K. Chasanow (United States District Court, District of Maryland), and as an adjunct professor at the George Mason University School of Law. Ms. Desai received her B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Finance from George Washington University, where she was a National Merit Scholar, and she received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center.

Kris Monteith most recently served as Deputy Bureau Chief for Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. In that capacity, Ms. Monteith oversaw the Commission's interaction with local, state, and tribal governments and other federal agencies, and she was responsible for consumer outreach to inform and educate the public about the Commission's rules, policies, programs, and plans. Ms. Monteith previously served as Chief of the Policy Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Deputy Chief of the former Common Carrier Bureau's Competitive Pricing Division, the Designated Federal Official to the North American Numbering Council, and as a Senior Attorney in the then-Common Carrier Bureau's Network Services Division. Before joining the Commission in 1997, Ms. Monteith was an attorney for McDermott, Will & Emery and Keller and Heckman. She received her B.A. from the University of Colorado and her J.D. from the George Washington University.

Tom Navin most recently served as the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division, where he was responsible for managing implementation of many key aspects of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including the Commission's UNE Triennial Review pursuant to section 251 and issues affecting Broadband policy such as VOIP and wireline broadband Internet access. Previously, Mr. Navin served as Deputy Chief of his current division and Deputy Chief of the Wireless Bureau's Policy Division. Before joining the FCC, he was an associate at McDermott, Will & Emery. Mr. Navin received a B.S. from Wake Forest University, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was an Executive Editor of the Virginia Journal of International Law.